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FROM AMBASSADOR WATSON PAIS 1436

TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR KROCH

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MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PHONE CALL. WE WERE ABLE TO-GET IT IN THE PRESS LAST NIGHT SO THAT ALL THE MEDIA THIS MORNING, BOTH NEWS BROADCASTS AND PRESS, COMMENTED ON BLOUNT'S SPEECH BUT ALSO THE FACT THAT THIS WAS NOT THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATE S AND THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PRIVATEL Y. DISUCSSED IT BRIEFLY WITH POMPIDOU WHO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE PROMPT ACTION OF WASHINGTON IN LETTING US KNOW IN TIME TO DULL THE BLOW.

I AM GOING TO MARSEILLES THRUSDAY WITH TEAM AND EXPERI-MENTAL MACHINE. WILL KEEP IN TOUCH.

- WAT SON

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